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[] 15 DEC 67. TITLE: REVIEW OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN SAM NEUA PROVINCE IN 2
MILITARY REGION AND OF NAM OU CLEARING OPERATION WEST INTO 1 MILITARY REGION
DURING THE PERIOD 1ST NOVEMBER TO 8TH DECEMBER 1967
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11. ON 6TH DECEMBER, PHOU PHA LOUAM WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED BY ((THREE)) ENEMY BATTALIONS WHILE ANOTHER BATTALION ATTACKED THE RLA AT BAN CHONG ((UH 8715)) AND THREE OTHER POSITIONS, ALL OF WHICH WERE OCCUPIED BY THE ENEMY. THE RLA STILL CONTROLLED SEVEN POSITIONS SITUATED WITHIN 13 KMS. NORTH OF PHA LOUAM. 12. ON 5TH DECEMBER, TACTICAL GROUP XIENG KHOUANG REPORTED THE CRASH OF AN F.105 JET AT UH 9234 AND SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS BY F.105 AND A.1E AIRCRAFT ON THREE ENEMY POSITIONS 15 KMS. NORTH-WEST OF PHA LOUAM. 13. ON 8TH DECEMBER ABOUT ONE ENEMY BATTALION ATTACKED THE RLA POSITIONS AT BAN TIA POUANG ((UH 8519, SITUATED 6 KMS. NORTH-WEST OF PHA LOUAM)) AND NEARBY AT NA LENG ((UH 8422)) CAPTURING BOTH OUTPOSTS. LOSSES WERE UNCONFIRMED BUT RLA TROOPS PATROLLING THE AREA CLASHED WITH THE ENEMY SEVERAL TIMES. TACTICAL GROUP SAM NEUA CONSIDERED THAT IF REINFORCEMENT TROOPS AND SUPPLIES WERE UNABLE TO REACH THE ENEMY TROOPS, IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE ENEMY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE OUT THE RLA AND AC ZONE 14/8 TROOPS IN THE AREA. NAM OU CLEARING OPERATION IN THE AREA EXTENDING WEST OF MUONG HIEM INTO 1 MILITARY REGION. 14. COLLATERAL SOURCES REPORTED AN OPERATION PLANNED BY GENERAL VANG PAO, ((COMMANDER 2 MR)) TO CLEAR THE AREA WEST OF MUONG HIEM ((UH 2826, SITUATED ON THE BORDER OF HQ 1 AND 2 MR)) TO THE NAM OU RIVER IN 1 MILITARY REGION AND DUE TO COMMENCE ON NOVEMBER 12TH 1967. TROOPS OF BV 27 AND BV 28 WITH AC TROOPS WERE DEPLOYED ON CLEARING OPERATIONS EXTENDING FROM 45 TO 62 KMS. WEST-NORTH-WEST OF MUONG HIEM ((UH 2826)). 15. DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER SEVERAL SMALL CLASHES OCCURRED BETWEEN ENEMY TROOPS AND UNITS OF BV 23, BV 27 AND ACCOMPANIES. ON 12TH NOVEMBER, A HELICOPTER PILOT REPORTED ENEMY TROOPS MOVING IN BOATS DOWNSTREAM ON THE MINAM SENG IN AN AREA EXTENDING 53 KMS. NORTH-WEST OF MUONG HIEM. 16. ON 21ST NOVEMBER A DETACHMENT ON BV 27 OCCUPIED BAN HANG ((POSSIBLY TH 8935)) IN ORDER TO MAKE A SWEEP OF THE AREA. THE POSITION OF AC COMPANY NO. 4822 AT TH 9523 WAS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY TWO ENEMY SECTIONS ON 28TH NOVEMBER. 17. ON 4TH DECEMBER, BV 27 REPORTED ONE ENEMY COMPANY OCCUPIED A RLA POSITION 37 KMS. NORTH-EAST OF MUONG HIEM AT UH 3656. THE FOLLOWING DAY THE RLA SUCCESSFULLY COUNTERATTACKED THE POSITION. A SECOND ENEMY ATTACK WAS MADE ON 4TH DECEMBER AT SOP HUA ((UH 3224, SITUATED 4 KMS. NORTH EAST OF MUONG HIEM)). COLONEL PHANH REQUESTED TACTICAL GROUP SAM NEUA TO SEND RLA TROOPS TO PHA YANG ((TH 2475)) AND OTHER POSITIONS WHICH THE RLA HAD CAPTURED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THESE LOCATIONS. 18. TWO ENEMY REINFORCEMENT BATTALIONS REPORTEDLY MOVED FROM UH 1164 TO TWO POSITIONS

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WEST AND SOUTH-WEST OF MUONG SON ON 5TH DECEMBER. 19. SINCE THIS DATE,
INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE OPERATION HAS BEEN MINIMAL. III DETAILS. FULL
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